

**Amendments to the Claims:**

*This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:*

Claims 1 - 7. (Cancelled)

8. (Currently Amended) A process for the preparation of release films and coatings on a substrate by applying a primer to the substrate and then applying a silicone release coating, comprising,

applying a primer comprising at least one silane-containing polyvinyl alcohol derived from fully or partly hydrolyzed vinyl ester copolymers having a degree of hydrolysis of 75 to 100 mol%, obtained by free-radical polymerization of

- a) one or more vinyl esters of unbranched or branched alkylcarboxylic acids having 1 to 18 carbon atoms, of which a fraction of 1 to 30 mol%, based on total polymer, are one or more 1-alkylvinyl esters of carboxylic acids having 1 to 6 carbon atoms, wherein the alkyl radicals have 1 to 6 carbon atoms,
- b) 0.01 to 10 mol% of one or more silane-containing, ethylenically unsaturated monomers, and, optionally,
- c) further comonomers copolymerizable therewith,

and hydrolyzing the resultant polymers, and

applying over the primer, a silicone release coating,

wherein the primer is free of metal complexes.

9. (Previously Presented) The process of claim 8, wherein the silane-containing polyvinyl ester copolymer is a copolymer of vinyl acetate.

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10. (Previously Presented) The process of claim 8, wherein said 1-alkylvinyl esters are selected from the group consisting of 1-methylvinyl acetate, 1-ethylvinyl acetate, and 1-propylvinyl acetate, and mixtures thereof.

11. (Previously Presented) The process of claim 8, wherein the silane-containing polyvinyl alcohol is obtained by copolymerizing one or more ethylenically unsaturated, silane-containing monomers selected from the group consisting of ethylenically unsaturated silicon compounds of the formula (I)  $R^1SiR_{0-2}^2(OR^3)_{1-3}$ , where  $R^1$  is  $CH_2=CR^4-(CH_2)_{0-3}$  or  $CH_2=CR^4CO_2(CH_2)_{1-3}$ ,  $R^2$  is a  $C_1$  to  $C_3$  alkyl radical,  $C_1$  to  $C_3$  alkoxy radical, or halogen,  $R^3$  is an unbranched or branched, unsubstituted or substituted alkyl radical having 1 to 12 carbon atoms, or is an acyl radical having 2 to 12 carbon atoms,  $R^3$  optionally interrupted by an ether group, and  $R^4$  is H or  $CH_3$ , and meth(acrylamides) containing silane groups, of the formula (II)  $CH_2=CR^5-CO-NR^6-R^7-SiR_m^8-(R^9)_{3-m}$ , where  $m = 0$  to  $2$ ,  $R^5$  independently is H or a methyl group,  $R^6$  is H or an alkyl group having 1 to 5 carbon atoms,  $R^7$  is an alkylene group having 1 to 5 carbon atoms or a divalent organic group in which the carbon chain is interrupted by an O or N atom,  $R^8$  is an alkyl group having 1 to 5 carbon atoms, and  $R^9$  is an alkoxy group having 1 to 40 carbon atoms, optionally substituted by heterocycles.

12. (Previously Presented) The process of claim 11, wherein the silane-containing polyvinyl alcohol is obtained by copolymerizing one or more ethylenically unsaturated, silane-containing monomers selected from the group consisting of  $\gamma$ -acryloyl- and  $\gamma$ -methacryloyl-oxypropyltri(alkoxy)silanes,  $\alpha$ -methacryloyloxymethyltri(alkoxy)silanes,  $\gamma$ -methacryloyloxypopylmethyldi(alkoxy)silanes, vinylalkyldi(alkoxy)silanes, and vinyltri(alkoxy)silanes.

13. (Previously Presented) The process of claim 12, wherein at least one alkoxy group is selected from the group consisting of methoxy, ethoxy, methoxyethyleneoxy ethoxyethyleneoxy, methoxypropyleneoxy and ethoxypropyleneoxy radicals.

14. (Previously Presented) The process of claim 8, wherein 0.01 to 1.5 mol% of ethylenically unsaturated, silane-containing monomers are copolymerized.

15. (Previously Presented) A release film or paper, comprising: a substrate, a primer coat applied to the substrate, and a silicone release coating applied over the primer, wherein the primer comprises a primer of claim 8.

16. (Currently Amended) A release film or paper comprising a substrate, a primer coat applied to the substrate, and a continuous silicone release coating applied over the primer, wherein the primer comprises at least one silane-containing polyvinyl alcohol derived from fully or partly hydrolyzed vinyl ester copolymers having a degree of hydrolysis of 75 to 100 mol%, obtained by free-radical polymerization of

- a) one or more vinyl esters of unbranched or branched alkylcarboxylic acids having 1 to 18 carbon atoms, of which a fraction of 1 to 30 mol%, based on total polymer, are one or more 1-alkylvinyl esters of carboxylic acids having 1 to 6 carbon atoms, wherein the alkyl radicals have 1 to 6 carbon atoms,
  - b) 0.01 to 10 mol% of one or more silane-containing, ethylenically unsaturated monomers, and, optionally,
  - c) further comonomers copolymerizable therewith,
- and hydrolyzing the resultant polymers.

17. (Previously Presented) The process of claim 8, wherein the primer consists essentially of at least one silane-containing polyvinyl alcohol based on fully or partly hydrolyzed vinyl ester copolymers having a degree of hydrolysis of 75 to 100 mol%, obtained by free-radical polymerization of

- a) one or more vinyl esters of unbranched or branched alkylcarboxylic acids having 1 to 18 carbon atoms, of which a fraction of 1 to 30 mol%, based on total polymer, are one or more 1-alkyl-vinyl esters

having alkyl radicals having 1 to 6 carbon atoms, and of carboxylic acids having 1 to 6 carbon atoms,

- b) 0.01 to 10 mol% of one or more silane-containing, ethylenically unsaturated monomers, and, if desired,
- c) further comonomers, copolymerizable therewith, and hydrolysis of the resultant polymers, and

d) optionally, pigments, polyvinyl alcohols other than a silane-containing polyvinyl alcohol, carboxymethylcellulose, starch, starch derivatives, alginates, proteins, aqueous polymer dispersions based on (meth)acrylic acid, (meth)acrylic esters, acrylonitrile, vinyl acetate, butadiene, styrene, plasticizers, and catalysts.

18. (New) A process for the preparation of release films and coatings on a substrate by applying a primer to the substrate and then applying a silicone release coating, comprising,

applying a primer consisting essentially of

(I) at least one silane-containing polyvinyl alcohol derived from fully or partly hydrolyzed vinyl ester copolymers having a degree of hydrolysis of 75 to 100 mol%, obtained by free-radical polymerization of

- a) one or more vinyl esters of unbranched or branched alkylcarboxylic acids having 1 to 18 carbon atoms, of which a fraction of 1 to 30 mol%, based on total polymer, are one or more 1-alkylvinyl esters of carboxylic acids having 1 to 6 carbon atoms, wherein the alkyl radicals have 1 to 6 carbon atoms,
- b) 0.01 to 10 mol% of one or more silane-containing, ethylenically unsaturated monomers, and, optionally,
- c) further comonomers copolymerizable therewith,

and hydrolyzing the resultant polymers, and

(II) optionally, one or more additives selected from the group consisting of pigments, polyvinyl alcohols other than a silane-containing polyvinyl alcohol, carboxymethylcellulose, starch, starch derivatives, alginates, proteins, aqueous polymer

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applying over the primer, a silicone release coating.